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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM  
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**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:09 PM  
**Subject:** Powell, keep your grubby, corporate whore mongering hands off our PUBLIC  
AIRWAVES

What part of NO don't you understand you pandering, posturing, bureaucratic hack?

[illegible]

GET IT???

Get a new job while you're at it, something in the suck up division of the white houses press division. Maybe Ari's replacement.

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**From:** Tom Booth  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:38 PM  
**Subject:** Biennial Regulatory Review

Dear Commissioner:

Although I am sure that the Biennial Regulatory Review and the plans to deregulate media ownership have many benefits for consumers, I have yet to hear any substantial discussions of what those benefits might be. I would encourage you and the other commissioners to postpone any decisions on the matter until more citizens are allowed an opportunity to weigh the pros and cons.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Mark Szymkowicz  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:48 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations

Chairman Powell,

I am completely in agreement with Molly Ivins' recent article which I am sure you are aware of, and am opposed to any relaxation of restrictions regarding media ownership. I hope the FCC will do the right thing and not approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Carlos Cintron  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Media Ownership Meeting on 6/2/03

Dear Mr.. Powell and Commissioners,

As a minority (Hispanic) small business owner in the advertising field, I am writing to you to request that in your vote this coming Monday on media ownership rules that you take into consideration the views of not only myself but that of virtually all U.S. citizens regarding this important issue. That view holds that the majority of U.S. citizens are overwhelmingly opposed to concentration in media ownership. Unless I'm mistaken, I believe the FCC is charged by law to serve the public interest.

From my business perspective as owner of small media buying firm, I have seen and felt the impact of the 1996 ruling which relaxed media ownership. In Hispanic as well as in general market media, this has led to an increasingly smaller universe of owners, which as a result have diminished competition and led to inefficiencies in the course of doing what is best for my clients. Of course, the concurrent wave of consolidation of advertising agencies has had a similar effect on the small entrepreneurship agencies making it virtually impossible to start a business when stacked up against the agency behemoths. I recall that somewhere in my business courses I was taught that competition was healthy for the economy in most respects. To think that today were are down to six conglomerates who supply most U.S. media. Won't a more relaxed setting lead to even less?

Lastly, on May 16, you were quoted as saying that to "grow and continue to provide services needed by the American people, the communication sector needs to tap the strength and vibrancy that flows from the diversity of the American people", your intentions were to form an FCC committee to address diversity issues. I fail to see how a greater concentration of media ownership will allow an African-American, Hispanic-American or Asian-American to enter, let alone survive, the odds of becoming successful in the current environment. That is unless they are to send their resumes to one of these conglomerates.

For these reasons I urge you to pay attention to the voices of the American public which have all along said that the 1996 rulings have already caused enough problems in the communication sectors. A relaxation of these rules any further would be a grave mistake and against the will of the public you are charged to serve.

Respectfully yours,

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**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Alisse Sikes  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 1:15 PM  
**Subject:** from Buffalo NY

Sir:

NO NO NO to consolidation. How can such a move benefit the public sector? As a worker in the news broadcasting business for over 20 years, I've witnessed the unbelievable watering down of news and now the absence of many stories that should be front and second page news. Does not the FCC represent the interests of the public any longer?

sincerely,  
Alisse Sikes  
WIVB-TV (a CBS affiliate)  
Buffalo, NY

**From:** Linda J  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 1:33 PM  
**Subject:** ruling

Thank you for remembering you work for the people and helping bring the issue to our attention. I is appalling how 5 votes can change a democracy. Everyone in the country should have a vote on this important issue.

Linda Johnson  
Overland Park, KS

**From:** Stanley T Mrus  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 1:55 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 02-277

Dear Commissioner Copps,

RE: 02-277

Don't change the media ownership rules.

Please don't allow a handful of companies to own too large a piece of the media pie.

Thank you.

Jay Mrus

**From:** Mark Sterling  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 2:09 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Your Monday vote

The radio business used to be competitive, and listening to the radio exciting.

Now, the business is mean-spirited, and the airwaves have become vapid.

And quite frankly, it is the FCC's fault.

The genie is pretty much out of the bottle, and you are no longer in control. Clear Channel is in control.

Still, you need to fix what you can.

But I fear the FCC is irrelevant.

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**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 2:21 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not let big media gobble up more voice! We need more democracy not more big business.

Thanks much,

Dwight Fowler

**From:** A.E. DeBiase  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 2:22 PM  
**Subject:** Re: June 2 vote re: FCC regulations

Michael,  
Watched Ted Koppel on Wed. night and am very concerned about this issue...

Recently called a "local" station to inquire about something I heard on the local "WLKW" (supposedly a West Warwick RI "local" station) - only to find I was talking to someone very far away.. who knew nothing about what I was asking about...

As mentioned on Koppel's show, it's all about the "bottom line" in our nation today (and, in my opinion, indicative of the "sell to the highest bidder" mind set of the BUSH administration). There has been a pervasive theme to this administration's actions since day 1 that the wealthy will be given preferential treatment - and I for one will do my damnest to see that it is a one-term administration. These media moguls have already screwed up enough of the local programming and it's a joke to give them more access... It's sad to realize what has happened to our country in the past 20-30 yrs. Guess my age must be showing, as I find myself thinking about and wishing for "the good ole days". The average poor unsuspecting, "Joe Public" is so busy working his buns off (if he's lucky enough to have a job) to buy all the hi-tech gadgets he thinks he needs that he has little time (or inclination) to be aware of what the government is doing "behind the scenes". Taking over is what government is doing. A local talk show host (WPRO) here in RI some time back referred to Rhode Islanders as "sheep-le" (meaning as docile as sheep) Not being a "local" (have lived in metro NY-NJ and also that progressive state of California), I can't abide the mindset of the average "local" but hope that this issue catches the attention of those of us who truly care about the importance of a free media. The incident highlighted on Koppel's show about what happened in Minot ND (dangerous leak w/no warning to local residents over radio) was very disturbing and trust that the exposure on this popular show might wake up some of the public to take some action. It would seem to be a "done deal", but who knows, if enough of us scream loud enough - I've had it and I'm not going to take it anymore (to quote a famed playwright), perhaps someone out there might listen...

There's always hope- which happens to be what appears on the Rhode Island state flag...

Keep up the good work, Michael Ann DeBiase

Michael Copps <MCOPPS@fcc.gov> wrote:

- > I am happy to know that you are participating in
- > the debate over this issue
- > and hope that you will continue to do so in the
- > weeks leading up to the June 2
- > vote and thereafter. We must come to grips with
- > this issue because it is so
- > important not only for the kinds of entertainment we
- > get from our media, but
- > also from the standpoint of what it means for the
- > news and information that
- > sustains our country's democratic dialogue. I hope
- > you will talk about this
- > issue with your friends, neighbors, local media and
- > government officials.
- > Again, thanks for getting in touch.
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**From:** Thomas Sugar  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 2:23 PM  
**Subject:** Death of a Democracy

First it starts with wealth consolidation, big businesses, and lobbyists. Then it continuous with unabashed nepotism. Lastly, the power of the word is held by a few corporations. Please do not support a totalitarian state run by a few wealthy people. We are losing our voice, middle class, and democracy.

Vote against the FCC ruling on June 2nd.

Tom Sugar  
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**From:** Oneandmor@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 2:40 PM  
**Subject:** Concern about concentrated control of news

FCC,

The concentration of control of information flow into few hands is not in the interest of a healthy Democracy. The lack of mention of your important vote by the media (other than PBS) is an excellent example.

Polls show that, when made aware, a high majority of our citizens are against the proposed changes. If and when the internet is used by a far larger number of our citizens the question might be more appropriate. It would be a moot point however if the news providers on the internet were the same set as on broadcast.

I urge you to REJECT the current set of proposals.

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**From:** Patrick Briggs  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 2:49 PM  
**Subject:** Please do the right thing

Mr. Powell,

You can read the papers. You've no doubt gotten plenty of email on this issue. Why would you allow further consolidation of the people's media channels to big corporations?

I wanted to voice my opposition to further deregulation of our airwaves and newsprint.

Please do the right thing.

Regards,

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